

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF COINS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether shortage of Re. one, Rs. two and Rs. five coins is creating several problems in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to print small denomination notes again;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to tackle this problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) (b) (c) & (d): There is a general shortage of coins in the country due to supply and demand gap. To overcome this, as a long term measure, it was planned to modernise the Mints at Kolkata, Hyderabad and Mumbai which is nearing completion. Coins are also being imported to bridge the gap between the indent of coins from RBI and supply of coins by Mints. Reprinting of lower denomination currency notes is under consideration of the Government.